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RAJYA SABHA

Agricultural Export Policy

3818. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Group of Ministers comprising the Agriculture, Food Processing, Finance, Commerce and Industry as well as SSI, who were asked to work out an Agricultural Export Policy, have so far held any meeting; and

(b) if so, what are GOM's recommendations on export promotion-scheme for agriculture sector and on how to give a fillip to our farmers by filling the critical gap by linking them in international trade now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Group of Ministers has not yet completed its deliberations, nor made any conclusive recommendations.

Agricultural reforms

3819. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring about agricultural reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Government of India is implementing various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for development of agriculture and allied activities. The Government has announced National Agriculture Policy on 28th July, 2000 which seeks to actualise the vast untapped growth potential of Indian agriculture, strengthen rural